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NFPA 780

Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems

- ! Technical basis questioned.**
- ! NFPA requested substantiation (from government users) supporting continuation.**
- ! Ad hoc users group provided report detailing theoretical & empirical evidence that NFPA 780 protection works.**

Draft DOE Lightning Protection Standard

- ! Guidance for determining the type of protection to provide.**
- ! High-level requirements for three different types of protection.**
- ! Cites NFPA 780 & IEC 61024 for detailed requirements for “Franklin” systems.**

Lightning Protection Systems

Differing Objectives

Franklin system - Protect the structure.

Faraday cages - Protect the contents.

Lightning Warning Systems - Allow time to protect people or processes that are not adequately protected.

DOE needs to discriminate among these three & document our best practices for each.